

## District Doings.

## MOUNT FOREST DISTRICT.

THE first Convention of the Women's Missionary Society in connection with this District was held in the lecture-room of the Methodist Church, Mount Forest, on January 31st, at 3 p.m., and was largely attended.

Mrs. Donaghy presided over the meeting, which opened by singing the hymn, "Onward Christian Soldiers." Two of the members led in prayer, after which a short consecration service was held, conducted by Mrs. Bready.

It was moved, seconded and carried that Miss Halsted take the Secretary's chair.

Mrs. Callaway, District Organizer, was then called upon, who reported having organized three Auxiliaries; one in Arthur in January, 1893, and in Grand Valley, May, 1893, and Durham, September, 1894, also having distributed over two hundred *Leaflets* in the last two years.

Reports from Auxiliaries were then heard. Grand Valley and Arthur were not represented. There was a very encouraging report from Durham; they organized in September, with a membership of nine, which has since increased to sixteen, and sent to Branch Treasurer last quarter \$4. Mount Forest reported a membership of thirty-seven, and having last year forwarded to Branch Treasurer over \$66; they also prepared two bales, one of quilts and the other of clothing, for the Indians at White Whale Lake.

Our heavenly Father, in His divine wisdom, has seen fit to take one of the members (Mrs. Norton) to himself.

Greetings were received from the Presbyterian W.F.M.S. through Mrs. Barrington, and from the Baptist Circle through Mrs. Cook.

A paper on "How to Make Auxiliary Meetings Interesting" was then given by Mrs. N. B. Hampton, after which we were favored with a solo, "Guard Me and Guide Me," by Mrs. J. W. Tanner.

Mrs. W. J. Gilroy gave a very interesting reading, entitled "The Influence of the Gospel in Heathen Lands."

Mrs. McMechan, of London, was then introduced to the Convention, and addressed the ladies on the practical part of the work of the society, dividing it into three parts, viz., spiritual, social and practical. The address was full of information and useful suggestions. Mrs. McMechan also took charge of the Question Drawer. After two hours most profitably spent, the meeting closed with the doxology and benediction. The delegates were then entertained at tea in the church parlors.

The evening meeting opened at 7.30 o'clock. After devotional exercises, led by the pastor, the Secretary's report was read, when a solo, "The Holy City," was sung by Miss E. Whelpley.

Mrs. McMechan was then called upon, who addressed the audience for half an hour on the work done by the W.F.M.S., after which the choir sang a suitable hymn. A collection of \$9.25 was taken, and a vote of thanks given to Mrs. McMechan. The meeting closed with prayer.

We all feel that this, our first Convention, has been a success, and the humble prayer of each is that the seed sown by Mrs. McMechan may take root in our hearts, and urge us on to more faithful service in the missionary cause.

B. HAMPTON, *Cor. Sec.*

## In Memoriam.

CANSO, N.S.—It is our sad duty to chronicle the death of a member of our Woman's Missionary Society, Sister McKay, who passed from earth a few days before the coming of the New Year. Her loss is deeply regretted by those near and dear to her, but we rejoice to believe that she has gone to be with Jesus. Her last illness was at times one of great suffering, but her faith in Christ continued to increase as she neared the borders of eternity, and as she passed through "the valley and the shadow of death" she went peacefully, trusting to the arm and staff of her great Deliverer.

## Notes From Workers.

COLLINGWOOD.—We have begun the year's work with a membership of about fifty, and the interest taken in our meetings is steadily increasing. Last October the members of the Collingwood Presbyterian Auxiliary were invited to our monthly meeting, to hear the report of the delegate read. Tea was provided, and a very pleasant afternoon was spent. Six new members were added to the roll on that occasion. The union prayer-meeting of the town Auxiliaries was held in the Methodist church in January. A large gathering was present. The president of the Methodist Auxiliary presided. The meeting was very profitable, and tended to increase the missionary zeal of all present. Before Christmas the members met at the home of one of our number, and brought gifts of clothing, books, etc., for the poor children of the town, and also spent the afternoon in sewing for the poor. The lady of the house had provided tea, and all remained to partake of her hospitality.

C. GREAVES, *Cor. Sec.*

PORT DOVER.—On September 18th, 1894, our membership was thirty-four, being a gain of fifteen during the year. The society held ten regular meetings, with an average attendance of fifteen. A very pleasing event was an "At Home" given by the president, Mrs. (Rev.) Cookman. To this a sister society of the Presbyterian Church and friends of both societies were invited. About sixty enjoyed a good programme and partook of an excellent tea. Collection, \$4.45. A few months later the president gave the members of the society a free tea. The evening was spent in pleasant conversation and amusements, the members separating with feelings of increased interest in the work of the society. In January, 1895, we sent a parcel of goods and money, worth \$30, to the Rev. E. J. Chegwin, Lacombe, N.W.T. It will be remembered by our readers that in August, 1894, the household furniture and other belongings, with a very few exceptions, of Mr. and Mrs. Chegwin were destroyed by fire at Moose Jaw. By sending this present we have tried to show our sympathy for them in their great affliction. Amount sent to Branch Treasurer on September 15th, \$73.

DALRYMPLE.—In March, 1894, our Auxiliary was organized by our then pastor's wife, Mrs. W. Adams, now of Ivanhoe. President, Mrs. Adams; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Jarrett and Mrs. Hargrave. Our membership has steadily increased, and we all find our meetings helpful and are encouraged to feel that we are doing a little toward the fulfilment of our Master's command: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." Our meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month, in connection with a short mothers' prayer-meeting, after which we enjoy a social hour. As our homes are quite distant from each other, we find it very pleasant socially as well as spiritually. During the first half-year we sent in \$10 for missions.

POLLY FOX, *Cor. Sec.*

AYLMER.—A Mission Band was organized here about three weeks ago by Mrs. R. J. Treleaven. We started with twenty-six members, and now our number is fifty. Our President is Mrs. L. D. Marlatt; Vice-President, Miss S. Davis; Recording Secretary, Miss A. Mortin; Treasurer, Miss Etta Price; Organist, Miss J. Doupe, and Miss Anderson is on the Programme Committee. We have named our Band "The Missionary Crusade," and we have bright hopes for the future of doing good work for the Master.

MAGGIE MEREDITH, *Cor. Sec.*

LANSDOWNE.—Another year has become a thing of the past. We are thankful to our Heavenly Father for the rich blessings we have received as an Auxiliary. Death has not yet entered our ranks. Our membership remains about the same as last year. We have enjoyed times of spiritual refreshing at our monthly meetings. We find the prayer meeting in connection with our Auxiliary a great benefit to us spiritually, and as the spiritual life of our members increase so does our Auxiliary prosper financially. We are preparing another missionary box, our ladies enjoying this part of the work very much. Our aim is to do more in this department of God's cause than ever before.

A. E. FREDENBURG, *Cor. Sec.*